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SUBJECT:GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR AMBASSADORS: LIBERIA

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1. FOLLOWING IS SUBJECT DRAFT (REFTEL) FOR YOUR COMMENT
AND SUGGESTED CHANGES, WHICH SHOULD BE CABLED TO THE
DEPARTMENT ASAP BUT NLT SEPTEMBER 6.

2.FOSTERING BILATERAL INTERESTS

--EMPHASIZE THE CLOSE US-LIBERIAN RELATIONS BASED ON LONG-
STANDING POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL TIES.

--ENCOURAGE HIGH-LEVEL US OFFICIALS TO VISIT LIBERIA ON
THEIR TRIPS THROUGH AFRICA.

--MAINTAIN OUR STRATEGIC ACCESS TO ROBERTSFIELD AIRPORT,
AND THE TACIT UNDERSTANDING GIVING US ACCESS TO THE PORT
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OF MONROVIA AND US SHIPS UNDER LIBERIAN REGISTRY IN TIMES
OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

--EXTEND SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO US BUSINESS WHICH
HAS INVESTED HEAVILY IN LIBERIA, PARTICULARLY IN KEY
NATURAL RESOURCE PROCESSING SUCH AS IRON ORE AND RUBBER.
--PARTICIPATE IN THE READJUSTMENT OF OUR MILITARY ASSIS-

TANCE PROGRAM IN THE WAKE OF US LEGISLATION SERIOUSLY
AFFECTING THE FUTURE OF OUR MAAG IN LIBERIA.

--WORK TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES IN MARITIME MATTERS,
PARTICULARLY TO GAIN LIBERIAN ACCEPTANCE OF THE
ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION ON CARGO-PREFERENCE LEGISLATION
AND TO REDUCE TO A MINIMUM ANY FRICTION RESULTING
FROM COMPETITION WITH THE LIBERIANS FOR A CATEGORY
A SEAT IN THE IMCO COUNCIL.

--ENCOURAGE THE MAINTENANCE AND CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT
OF LIBERIA'S DEMOCRATIC FORM OF GOVERNMENT WITH ITS
POSITIVE RECORD ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES.

--FACILITATE THE CONCLUSION OF A MORE MODERN CONSULAR
CONVENTION TO REPLACE THE 1939 CONVENTION.

--ACHIEVE A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT ON NEGOTIATIONS
TO MODERNIZE OUR 1939 BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT.

--REACH A WORKING AGREEMENT WITH THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT
WHICH WILL ESTABLISH OFFICIALLY THE AMERICAN COOPERATIVE
SCHOOL.

3. SUPPORTING LIBERIA'S NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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--MONITOR THE HIGH LEVEL OF US AID WHILE ENSURING ITS CON-
SISTENCY WITH LIBERIA'S NEEDS AND ABILITY TO ABSORB THIS
ASSISTANCE.

--REVITALIZE THE US EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL FOUNDATION
IN MONROVIA TO MEET MORE FULLY LIBERIA'S NEEDS. CHRISTOPHER

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